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# Situation Report Severe Storms

December 16, 2007, 11 a.m.

# **SUMMARY**

SEMA activated the State Emergency Operations Center to Level Two Sunday, December 9, 2007. Governor Blunt has declared a State Emergency freeing up state resources to assist the local units of government. Total Number of Deaths in Missouri remain at four as of this report. **SEMA will close the State EOC at 1pm on Sunday.** 

The total number of customers in Missouri without power is approximately 14,900. Empire Electric reports 6200 without power primarily in Joplin. Aquila reports 5300 customers around St. Joseph and Maryville without power. Statewide Cooperatives report nearly 3,400 without power – United Electric has 2,500 customers in Maryville and Savannah areas.

## **County Reports:**

Andrew County – Major tree damage and debris removal are a problem. Electric power has been restored to all water plants in the county. No shelters were open on Saturday. Officials are still caring for 2 people who were displaced by the ice storm.

**Atchison County** – Debris removal high priority, but has been stopped because of unsafe conditions. No requests at this time. Rock Port down to 100 meters without power.

Barton County –80% - 85% power is restored in City of Lamar. National Guard has been released. One shelter was open on Saturday with a population of 30 people.

Buchanan County - 70 National Guardsmen were conducting wellness checks on Sunday. One shelter was open Saturday night.

Holt County—City of Oregon is at 90% power, Mound City is at 75%. One shelter was open on Saturday with a population of 42 people. Officials plan to stand down local EOC on Sunday.

**Jasper County** – Joplin has 14,400 homes without power and another unknown number out in the county. Four conservation teams working the county – one of them in the City of Joplin.

**Nodaway County** – United Electric Services reported 4,000 residences without power in a six county area (including Nodaway County). Aquila reported 6,000 meters without power. Aquila thinks they can have all users hooked by up Monday evening. Expect 30 residents in two shelters.

**Worth County** – EMD has requested a generator for their warming shelter.

## **State Agencies**

**State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)** is operating SEOC at Level Two activation through Sunday morning. **SEOC will be staffed from 7am-1pm on Sunday, unless circumstances change.** 

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Adjutant General – 63 National Guardsmen were assisting with missions on Saturday including 51 who have been called to State Emergency Duty (SED). Most of these troops are in the Northwest portion of the State.

**Dept. of Conservation** – As of 4pm Friday, Conservation had personnel working in ten counties.

**Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education** – DESE has received no reports from school districts regarding any major problems.

**Dept. of Health & Senior Services** – DHSS Disaster Situation Room remains activated on 24-hour-a-day basis. DHSS-EMS moved two ambulances to Barton County at the request of the Region D Coordination Center. **Nurses requested for special need shelter(s) for Andrew and Nodaway Counties were released on Saturday by local jurisdictions.** 

**Dept. of Mental Health** – Facts sheet on coping for disaster for adults and children can be found at **www.dmh.mo.gov**. Working special needs issues in Nodaway County.

**Dept. of Natural Resources** – DNR Water checking with local water districts to see if they are in need of assistance. DNR Director has signed a waiver on debris disposal, a copy of the waiver is available on their website **www.dnr.mo.gov**.

**Dept. of Social Services** – Continue to monitor the shelter – polling for needs and assisting in making up short falls.

**Dept. of Transportation**. Multi-modal reported Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad is having problems with crossing signals not working. Trains are required to stop and flag all crossings. Many of these crossings are in Joplin, Carthage and Lamar. This is still the situation as 15Dec2007. Road crews are keeping up with road clearance.

**Missouri State Highway Patrol** – MSHP has resumed normal operations. If any locals need help, please call the local Troop Headquarters.

Missouri Information Analysis Center – Continues to provide situational awareness to SEMA

Office of Administration – Approximately 62 generators (both MONG and rentals) have been sent to local jurisdictions. OA would like to know when generators are no longer necessary, so that they can be reassigned to other parts of the State. They have reassigned at least 9 generators. Need to have a deliverable address for generator delivery.

**State Fire Marshal** – Additional IST persons are being requested for Holt County. Barton County IST is standing down. Cooper County has sent some communications equipment and an emergency management specialist to assist in Holt County (12/14/2007).

University of Missouri Extension Services - Most offices in the Northwest Region have been closed due to power outages and nearly all extension employees are impacted as well as many in central and southwest regions. NW staff continues to deliver situational awareness back to campus and SEMA. The Extension Emergency Management Team in the West Central Region has been asked to support the NW Region. MU Extension has posted numerous winter storm related items to its web site <a href="http://extension.missouri.edu/cemp/">http://extension.missouri.edu/cemp/</a>

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### **Federal Government:**

**FEMA** – Federal Coordinating Officer is working from the State Emergency Operations Center. FEMA has activated the Region VII Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) in Kansas City to support state operations.

## Non Government Organizations/Volunteer Organizations:

**American Red Cross** - Anyone with ARC shelter needs can contact the ARC through SEMA. A National call out was requested by the State and is being utilized to relieve shelter managers that have been on duty.

**Salvation Army** – Working on Jasper County shelters. Anyone with SA shelter needs can contact the SA through SEMA.

**AmeriCorps** -Two AmeriCorps volunteers are at the State EOC working the help line Three strike teams to assist communities in debris clearance and weatherhead checks. Teams are currently in Region D and Region H. One team is being rounded up from Poplar Bluff. The AmeriCorps donations helpline number is **888-377-2100**. That number can also be used for emergency calls for warming centers and to get assistance for special needs populations. **Sending two more volunteers to assist in tracking shelter assignments.** 

County	Shelter	Summary
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County	# of Shelters	Current Population
Atchison	1	0
Barton	1	20
Buchanan	1	1
Grundy	1	3
Harrison	1	3
Holt	1	42
Jasper	1	30
Mercer	1	6
Montgomery	1	4
Nodaway	1	10
Putnam	2	0
Worth	1	19
Total	13	138

<sup>\*</sup> includes warming center (not included in totals)

## Weather

Snow has now ended in Missouri. Heaviest accumulations were reported northwest of St Louis. Affected areas in northwest Missouri received from 2-5 inches, while affected areas in southwest Missouri received 1-2 inches. Highs on Sunday are expected to reach the upper 20s north and the upper 30s south. Temperatures should moderate during the early part of this week. Next chance of significant precipitation is forecast for the middle of the week.

## **Point of Contact:**

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 7am-1pm on Sunday. After-hours calls can be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.

<sup>+</sup> from County report